



Rio Arriba County Detention Center (RACDC) POLICY 049: FIRE EMERGENCY PLANS

The Rio Arriba County Detention facility shall implement procedures to promptly and effectively respond to fires in order to minimize the threat to lives of inmates, visitors and staff and to minimize the damage to property.

Definitions:

Minor fires: A fire which can be brought under control immediately by personnel with available firefighting equipment without risks to inmates or staff.

Major fires: A fire that cannot be immediately controlled or where the source of the fire cannot be detected.

General Information

1. In the event of a minor fire, inmates do not have to be evacuated.
2. In the event of a major fire, evacuation procedures shall be put into effect immediately.
3. During fires all gas valves shall be shut off.

Procedure:

1. The detention staff shall be trained in the proper evacuation plans.
2. All evacuation routes shall be posted in the control rooms.
3. All exits shall be illuminated to aid in evacuation.
4. Any person discovering a fire shall notify the control officer and attempt to extinguish the fire with the fire extinguishers located in the control centers.
5. The control center officer shall notify the Volunteer Fire department if fire is not extinguished with the fire extinguisher.
6. All inmates of the immediate area shall be escorted to an unaffected area of the facility.
7. All visitors shall be escorted out of the facility.
8. Depending on where the fire is, inmates and staff shall be evacuated to the recreation yard, the fire yard, or the outer perimeter of the building.



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9. Inmates evacuated to the fire yard or to the outer perimeter will be cuffed before being escorted out.
10. Arrangements shall be made to have an armed officer outside the fence before having inmates evacuated outside.